

## CALENDAR

**MASSACHUSETTS PESTICIDE EXAM SCHEDULE**

UMASS Eastern Extension Center—240 Beaver St., Waltham

**MARCH 1.****MARCH 8.** Deadline for submitting application is **MARCH 1.****QUESTIONS CALL—617-626-1785.****CUSTOMS FEARS TRADE COULD EXPOSE U.S. TO ATTACKS****By Tom Karst**

The threat of terrorist attacks against the U.S. via oceangoing sea containers must be countered by an international commitment to raise security levels at major ports, said Robert Bonner, commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service.

Bonner said the Customs Service is faced with defending the U.S. against hundreds of millions of people and millions of sea container and truck shipments each year.

Bonner said the U.S. will need cooperation from countries with a heavy dependence on ocean shipping to safeguard against the transport of terrorists and weapons of mass destruction in sea containers.

That will mean sharing more information, increasing risk assessment analysis and boosting money spent on machines that can scan the content of containers, he said.

The Customs Service processes nearly 400 million people each year through land ports, and 80 million arrive by air. In addition, the U.S. receives 11 million commercial cargo containers by land from Mexico and Canada. Nearly 6 million sea containers are received every year, and container traffic continues to rise.

About 90% of the world's trade today moves in containers and more than 200 million containers move across the oceans each year, Bonner said.

By value, 46% of U.S. cargo comes in by ocean vessel, compared with 23% air and 31% by truck and rail.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that fruit and vegetable imports (by land and sea) during 2000 totaled more than 571,000 (40,000-pound equivalent) containers.

Bonner said governments must improve security. If a terrorist hid a crude nuclear device in one of the 50,000 containers that arrive to the U.S. every day, the result could devastate trade and the world economy. If such an attack did occur, Bonner said the shipping of sea containers would "stop cold."

"We only need to go back to Sept. 11 and remember the damage to the airline industry," he said. "We must devise a system to detect and deter terrorism from happening."

Bonner said the U.S. is going to advance a proposal for enhanced container security that would focus on controlling the "choke points" at major ports around the world.

The top 10 ports, primarily in Asia and Europe—account for almost half of sea containers shipped to the U.S., he said.

"What this means to me is that the U.S. must work in partnership with other governments in order to build new security standards," he said.

By safeguarding top 10 ports with added security, Bonner said the U.S. could preserve continued world trade in the event of a terrorist incident.

Needed changes in the global trading system include better targeting of suspicious containers and sharing of more accurate cargo information between countries.

"We need to push global security back, not just before the container arrives, but before the container leaves the megaports where they are being shipped to the United States."

(Article from "THE PACKER" Jan. 28, 2002)

**TOP FIVE COUNTRIES IMPORTING APPLES FROM THE U.S.**  
**(42-lb. Units)**

<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>11,765</b>
<b>TAIWAN</b>	<b>5,815</b>

<b>CANADA</b>	<b>5,007</b>
<b>HONG KONG</b>	<b>2,543</b>
<b>INDONESIA</b>	<b>2,243</b>

### USAPPLE OPPOSES EPA SPRAY DRIFT PROPOSAL

USApple is opposing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed spray drift regulations, which may threaten the ability of apple growers to control destructive pests, and force growers to assume excessive and unreasonable liability.

"EPA's proposed mandatory label language is unreasonably broad and impractical," said USApple vice president James Cranney. "The agency's extreme spray drift proposal would establish an absolute 'no drift' standard, and expose growers and applicators to penalties if any drift occurred."

EPA's proposal prohibits spray drift from the application site that might contact people, structures people occupy at any time and the associated property, parks and recreation areas, non-target crops, aquatic and wetland areas, woodlands, pastures, rangelands or animals. In addition, the agency's proposal mandates that growers "do not spray above trees," which would likely expose orchards to pest infestation and heavy fruit damage.

"We have requested that EPA continue to accept comments on this proposal for at least six more months, and recommended that EPA work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct a spray drift workshop to provide industry members with an opportunity to present proposals to address EPA's spray drift concerns," said Cranney. "We are optimistic that EPA will reconsider its spray drift proposal."

For more information, contact USApple's Cranney by telephone at (800) 781-4443.

(Article from "U.S. APPLE, APPLE NEWS, February 2002)

### APPLE SHIPMENT TRACKING

Source: USDA

Amounts are shown in units of 10,000 pounds

Season Begins	02/03/02- 02/09/02	01/27/02- 02/02/02	02/04/01- 02/10/01	Total this season 02/09/02	Total last season 02/10/01
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>10,361</b>	<b>11,501</b>	<b>204,568</b>	<b>246,777</b>

### MID-WEEK F.O.B. PRICES AT MASSACHUSETTS COUNTRY SHIPPING POINT

Prices and grades received by telephone, February 26, 2002

NO CHANGE

Controlled Atmosphere

VARIETY	GRADE	SIZE	PRICE
<b>McINTOSH</b>	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s	<b>19.00</b>
		96s	<b>18.50</b>
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>12.50</b>
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	<b>14.00</b>
<b>CORTLAND</b>	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	72s & 80s	<b>18.00</b>
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>12.50</b>
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	<b>14.00</b>

<b>EMPIRE</b>	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s	<b>18.00</b>
		96s	<b>17.50</b>
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>11.50</b>
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	<b>13.00</b>
<b>RED DELICIOUS</b>	Cartons Tray Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s & 88s	<b>13.50</b>
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>11.00</b>
	Cartons Tote Bags U.S. Fancy	8-5s 2-1/2" min	<b>13.00</b>
<b>FEDERAL MARKET NEWS SERVICE, EVERETT, MASS.</b> FEBRUARY 25, 2002 <b>Controlled Atmosphere</b>			
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>			
<b>McINTOSH</b>	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	80s	<b>23.00-24.00</b>
		100s	<b>20.00</b>
	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. No. 1	80s	<b>12.00</b>
		100s, 120s, 140s	<b>9.00- 9.50</b>
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>9.50</b>
<b>CORTLAND</b>	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. Extra Fancy	56s & 72s	<b>20.00-22.00</b>
		80s	<b>18.00</b>
		96s	<b>17.00</b>
	Cartons Cell Pack U.S. No. 1	72s	<b>15.00</b>
		80s	<b>12.00-15.00 mostly 15.00</b>
	Cartons Film Bags U.S. Fancy	12-3s 2-1/4" min	<b>15.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED IN</b>			
<b>McINTOSH</b>	NY Hudson Valley Ctns CelPk U.S. ExFcy	80s & 100s	<b>19.00</b>
	Lake Champlain Ctns CelPk U.S. ExFcy	80s	<b>23.50</b>
		100s	<b>20.00-21.00</b>
		120s	<b>20.00</b>
	NY Hudson Valley Ctns CelPk U.S. No. 1	80s	<b>11.00</b>
		100s	<b>10.00</b>
		120s	<b>9.50</b>
	NY Hudson Valley Ctns FlmBg U.S. ExFcy	12-3s 2-1/4" min	<b>10.00</b>
	NY Hudson Valley Ctns FlmBg U.S. Fcy	12-3s 2-1/2" up	<b>11.00-12.00 mostly 12.00</b>

<b>CORTLAND</b>	Nova Scotia Ctns CelPk MKD ExFcy	80s	<b>20.00</b>
<b>EMPIRE</b>	PA Cartons Cell Pack U.S. ExFcy	88s	<b>17.00</b>
<b>HONEY CRISP</b>	NY Hudson Valley Ctns CelPk U.S. ExFcy	48s, 56s, 64s	<b>18.00</b>
	NY Hudson Valley Ctns FlmBgs U.S. ExFcy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>7.50</b>
<b>RED DELICIOUS</b>	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	64s	<b>16.00-19.00 mostly 18.00 fine appear. 19.00-21.00</b>
		72s	<b>16.00-17.00 fine appear. 19.00-21.00</b>
		80s	<b>16.00-18.00 fine appear. 19.00-21.00</b>
		88s	<b>15.00-16.00 fine appear. 19.00-21.00</b>
		100s	<b>16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 fine appear. 20.00-21.00</b>
		125s	<b>15.50-18.00 mostly 16.00-18.00</b>
<b>GOLDEN DELICIOUS</b>	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	64s	<b>26.00-27.00 mostly 27.00</b>
		72s	<b>26.00-27.00 mostly 26.00</b>
		80s	<b>24.00-27.00 mostly 24.00-26.00</b>
		88s	<b>22.00-24.50 mostly 24.00</b>
		100s	<b>21.00-24.00 mostly 2.00-23.00</b>
		113s	<b>19.00-20.00</b>
		125s	<b>18.00</b>
	PA Cartons Cell Pack U.S. ExFcy	100s	<b>17.00</b>
	WA Cartons Cell Pack WAExFcy	80s	<b>26.00-27.00</b>
<b>ROYAL GALA</b>	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	96s	<b>24.00-24.50</b>
		80s	<b>24.50-28.00 mostly 26.00-27.00</b>
		88s	<b>26.00-28.00 mostly 26.00-27.00</b>
<b>RED ROME</b>	NY Hudson Valley Ctns TryPk U.S. ExFcy <b>(Regular Storage)</b>	100s	<b>23.00-24.00</b>
		88s	<b>16.00 fair condition 12.00</b>
		80s	<b>14.00</b>
<b>ROME</b>	NY Hudson Valley Ctns FlmBg U.S. ExFcy <b>(Regular Storage)</b>	88s	<b>14.00-15.00</b>
<b>FUJI</b>	PA Cartons Cell Pack U.S. ExFcy <b>(Regular Storage)</b>	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>9.00</b>
	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExtra Fancy <b>(Regular Storage)</b>	88s	<b>24.00</b>
		56s	<b>22.00-25.00</b>
<b>JONAGOLD</b>	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	64s	<b>24.00-25.00</b>
<b>CAMEO</b>	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	88s	<b>21.00</b>
<b>PINK LADY</b>	WA Cartons Tray pack WAExFcy	72s & 80s	<b>24.00-24.50</b>
<b>GRANNY SMITH</b>	WA Cartons Tray Pack WAExFcy	88s	<b>23.00</b>
		64s	<b>26.00-30.00 mostly 28.00-30.00</b>
		72s	<b>26.00-30.00 mostly 26.00-28.00</b>
		80s	<b>25.00-28.00 mostly 25.00-26.00</b>
		88s	<b>24.00-26.00</b>
		100s	<b>19.00-22.00 mostly 19.00-20.00</b>
		113s	<b>18.00-19.00</b>
		125s	<b>17.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00</b>
	WA Cartons Film Bags WAExFcy	12-3s 2-1/2" min	<b>16.50-18.00 mostly 18.00</b>
<b>CIDER</b>	New England Preserved Cartons	4-1 gallon bottles	<b>9.00- 9.40 mostly 9.00</b>
		9 1/2-gallon bottles	<b>10.00 best 11.25</b>

Howard Vinton, Editor

